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■ ELECTION

Who is or isn't seeking election?

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PORT COLBORNE — To run or not to run? It's not a question for everyone. see **ELECTION** | A2

■ ROCK IN THE PARK



Teens rock, race in Port park

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — A little rain can't stop a lot of rock.

When showers began to fall last Saturday at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, no one called it a day.

Instead, those attending the second annual Rock in the Park simply put up their umbrellas and kept enjoying the music provided by a wealth of local talent.

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MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo
Jordan Raycroft was one of 11 acts that took to the stage at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park Saturday as part of the Rock in the Park event.

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■ ELECTION

Time running out to declare candidacy

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With the Sept. 10 deadline looming, there are less than two months left for potential candidates to file their papers for the upcoming municipal elections.



Bea Kenny

Some politicians have decided about their future plans, while others haven't considered

their options.

"Definitely! Yes, yes, yes," was the response Ward 3 Coun. Bea Kenny gave enthusiastically when asked if she intended to run again.

Kenny, who's currently serving her fourth term on council, has already picked up and filed out her papers, but has yet to file as an official candidate.

As a volunteer at Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival, this time of year can be very busy, she said, but she intends to drop her forms off at city hall the first week of August.

Kenny said there was no question whether she'd be running again.

"I just love it... It's all about representing the people."

Ward 2 Coun. Frank DiBartolomeo said he plans to make his announcement after Canal Days has passed. While he has confirmed he is running in the election, he has not confirmed the posi-

tion he'll seek.

Though he has yet to make an official announcement, Regional Coun. Bob Saracino plans to seek re-election on Oct. 25. Saracino was previously an alderman for Port Colborne, and was the city's mayor from 1977 to 1995. He's held the role of regional councillor since 1997.

"The decision to run for re-election was easy to make, he said, with his papers expected to be filed "in due course." Saracino enjoys serving the people, and hopes he's been able to help during his 38 years of public service.

"I feel great," he said, adding he's in good condition to once again throw his hat in the ring.



Bob Saracino

Mayor Vance Badawey said he does plan to seek a fourth term in the mayor's seat, but won't be making a formal announcement until the beginning of August.

It's satisfying to see the community move forward as it has, he said, which is a motivator to continue on.

"The reason you get involved is to make a difference in the community, and we're doing that," he said.

Ward 1 Coun. Bill Steele, Ward 3 Coun. Gary Bruno and Ward Coun. Kate Leigh could not be reached for comment.

■ ROCK IN THE PARK

FROM PAGE A1

The day was filled with a packed lineup of local bands and performers, including Julia Vriend, Sarah Boulton, Those Damn Melting Kids, Chasing After Life, Jordan Raycroft and the Band, Citizen, The Autumn Crush, Attenborough's Children, Universal Thought, The Blue Pages and Pompeii Henge.

This was the second annual Rock in the Park, which was originally created by Port Colborne group UberYouth. This year, however, the group teamed up with Bridges Community Health Centre, Community Living, and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, making the day bigger and better than ever.

The biggest change to this year's event was the addition of the Amazing Race for Health, which had teams racing around Port Colborne's downtown core.

Participants had to correctly solve clues to get to five pit stops, each with its own health-related activity to complete before moving on.

The stops taught teams about nutrition, mental health, sexual health, target heart rates, and the differences between services offered at local urgent-care centres and emergency departments.

The race, which awarded top-placing teams with Seaway Mall and Archie's Bubs gift certificates, was supported by get teens engaged and excited about health, Bridges health promoter Lori Kleinsmith said.



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo
From left, Jenny, Steve, Laurie and Ken Terberry look over the first clue that will lead them to the first pit stop in The Amazing Race for Health. The race was a featured activity at Rock in the Park, which took over H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park on Saturday.

Throughout the day, teens visiting the park were also asked to fill out a "youth voice survey," which entered them in a draw to win a number of prizes, including a Nintendo Wii.

Both the survey and the race are part of a youth health promotion project that Bridges is in the process of developing thanks to funding from Niagara Property Services.

Information will be collected from youth at different events throughout the summer, she said, to

determine the types of programs and services teens in the community want to see created.

Port Colborne health services co-ordinator Joanne Ferracoli said it's critical to teach youth about health at a young age, so they develop good habits as they grow older.

Interactive and fun activities such as the Amazing Race for Health are a great way to engage teens and get them talking about healthy habits, she added.

For the Terberry family, mjfirth@weilandtribune.ca

the Amazing Race for Health was a chance to spend time together while doing something active. Parents Ken and Laurie, and teenagers Steve and Jenny were getting pumped to put their nutrition knowledge to the test as they awaited their first clue.

As fans of *The Amazing Race* reality show, the family was used to watching the escapades on TV and decided it might be fun to give Port Colborne's smaller-scale version a try.

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■ CANAL DAYS MARINE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Sponsorships roll in for Canal Days



MARYNNE FIRTH Staff Photos

The City of Port Colborne is getting great support for the upcoming Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival, which opens today and runs until Monday. At top left, Bank of Nova Scotia provided the City of Port Colborne with a \$5,000 sponsorship cheque. Pictured are Ward 1 Coun. Bill Steele, customer service manager Sharon Gregory, branch manager Cindy Thorpe and Mayor Vance Badawey. Top middle, a \$5,000 sponsorship cheque is received from CIBC. Pictured from left are Badawey, CIBC employees Barbara Shard, Christine Sawatsky, branch manager Jeff Varley, and general manager Blake Bogy. Top right, Manager of Godelrich Elevators Ltd. Joe Lannan presents Badawey with a sponsorship cheque for \$1,000. Left, Badawey accepts a cheque on behalf of the city for \$10,000 toward Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival from event sponsor Molson Coors, represented by sales representative Dave Zezella. Bottom left, Port Colborne Canadian Tire dealer Larry Garon presents Badawey with a cheque for \$5,000. Bottom middle, Principal James Brennan presents Badawey with a cheque for \$1,000 on behalf of Grant Thornton LLP. Bottom right, Financial services advisor Connie Armstrong presents a cheque for \$5,000 on behalf of Meridian Credit Union to Badawey.

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ourview

Wall repairs

We're glad to see that repairs to the section of canal wall that crumbled last week were finished in time for Canal Days.

The section that fell in, off of West St. and the end of Charlotte St., was part of the canal bank that was built in the late 1800s. It took up to more than 120 years, carrying the weight of the roadway and pedestrians without fail all that time. What caused it to crumble is uncertain.

Despite its crumbling into the canal and causing concern for residents and the city, we're glad the wall didn't fall during Canal Days. With all of the people that are on the streets during Canal Days, which started today, who knows what may have happened if it had collapsed during the festival.

It could have caused panic and seen people get hurt in the rush to get away from the scene. It's entirely possible the collapse could have been worse with all of the extra weight on the roadway. But thankfully that never happened and most visitors to Canal Days will never know what took place.

On Monday, Mayor Vance Radaway said the area was in the process of being backfilled and the railing was being put back in place Tuesday. He praised the crews, who were working non-stop, for their work. A great deal of credit needs to be given to the St. Lawrence Seaway (Management Corp.) and Rankin Construction. They expedited the project knowing that our community's signature event is around the corner," he told The Tribune, earlier this week.

We would like to praise the work done by the crews to get the work done by Canal Days.

Rockin' Port Colborne

Organizers of the second annual Rock in the Park should be congratulated for putting on another great event and adding a new twist.

The event, originally created by Port Colborne group UberUtown, teamed up with Bridges Community Health Centre, Community Living, and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, making the day bigger and better than ever. The biggest change to this year's event was the addition of the Amazing Race for Health, which had teams racing around Port Colborne's downtown core.

Participants had to correctly solve clues to get to five pit stops, each with its own health-related activity to complete before moving on. The stops taught teams about nutrition, mental health, sexual health, target heart rates, and the differences between services offered at local urgent-care centres and emergency departments in Port Colborne. The event's co-ordinator Joanne Ferracisoli said it's critical to teach youth about health at a young age, so they develop good habits as they grow older. And getting youth to think about health, while they were having a great time listening to music played by their peers was a great idea.

I'VE BEEN THINKING

fruitful Christian

PASTOR GARY TOMIUCK
Wainfield Christian Congregational Church

Picture Jesus who is fully God and fully human. He created the universe and fully man.

He is hungry. The Lord has been constantly travelling, healing and teaching. He is tired. He is thirsty. He is hungry.

1. He saw the tree.
He notices a fig tree beside the road. These trees could grow over 30 feet high or they could be shrub like. This tree would have been easy to spot. It would have stood out.

So the Lord goes over to gather some figs to stop His dry throat, to satisfy His empty stomach, to regain his strength. He can almost taste their succulent juice.

2. He searches for figs.
Jesus pulls back the branches. He looks around and probes under the branches.

There should have been lots of figs. There should have been enough to feed Jesus and His hungry disciples. There were not only a few figs, there was not even one.

There was only leaves—big broad leaves. This tree was acting like a shade tree and not a fruit tree, this was contrary to it's very nature.

3. He shrivelled it up.
Then Jesus cursed that fig tree. Why? It looked so promising from a distance yet up close it was figless, fruitless.

readers'views

A tiny ray of optimism

With the notice of a public information event to take place in Wainfield on Wednesday, a meeting that is only being held to tell Wainfield residents what they are being forced to accept, not anything they are permitted to oppose or object to, there also comes a tiny ray of totally unlooked for optimism.

The wind farm we are having fought on has a boundary that comes right up to the proposed Lakesword Beach properties.

When the present council fall over themselves to approve whatever the wind energy company wants, guess what?

With all the existing and available evidence, not just in Canada but worldwide, the value of all those proposed Lakesword Beach properties will, at best,

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useless. God had given that tree the sun to shine upon it. The clouds that rained upon it. It had nutrients in the soil. But it produced nothing—nothing at all.

Does the Lord see some people who look so promising from a distance yet up close they are fruitless? I must personalize this as I ask myself these questions.

Am I a barren tree promising much? Yet giving back nothing?

What am I doing for God? Am I emptying my God-given gifts in His service?

Am I labouring in His vineyard? Or am I burying my talent in the dirt? In the parables of the evil farmers.

God is the landowner. He planted the vineyard. He also built the wall around it to keep out wild animals. He then dug a pit for pressing the grapes. And if that wasn't enough, He also built a tower so his servants could spot potential enemies or fires. Then at harvest time He sent his servants out.

Why? To collect a share of the crop, and rightfully so.

The only thing they received was a beating. The Lord want fruit from us and from Christian lives.

Fruit—a bad tree cannot produce good fruit and a good tree cannot produce bad fruit.

Fruit—the Holy Spirit produces fruit in our lives (Gal. 5:22). The Apostle Paul said "If I live, I will do more fruitful work for Christ."

Here is a man who did so much for God in gratitude for his salvation yet he

wanted to be more fruitful.

Never say that you can't do anything for God. Don't produce only leaves. Never say only with reference to God. Only a rod was used to part the red sea. Only a jawbone of an ass was used to defeat over 1,000 Philistines. Only a sling was used to kill Goliath. Only a boy's lunch fed over 5,000.

Give your little to God and watch Him multiply it.

There must be sacrifices made, there must be commitment, it all boils down to what does Jesus mean to you?

How great is your salvation to you? What value do you place upon it? Is it more than life itself?

Does it impact every place of your life? Are you grateful for the Cross, for the Resurrection, for Eternal Life?

Then bear fruit. And when you bear fruit, the Lord will prune you back to bear more fruit—much fruit. This only happens when you abide in the vine. The Lord has an investment in us and wants a share of the crop. No one can produce everlasting fruit unless and until they come to Jesus—the Living Vine.

He also said that those who drink the water that He gives, will never thirst again. It will become a fresh bubbling spring within them giving them "Eternal Life" (John 4:14).

Will you be like the tree of life that bears fruit?

How often pray 12 months of the year. That is my prayer, I hope it is yours.

local citizens and their interests, just occasionally a result, totally unlooked for, happens.

So, did the Beach? You are toast. The same townshippers council who screwed their own electorate for you are now screwing you. Your development, should it actually take place, will likely bankrupt you.

And the wind energy company? Don't guarantee your taxpayer funded money in the bank just yet.

Samsung are not coming to Ontario to bail out the ever increasing 'green energy' deficit that McGuinity and his government continue to pass on to you the taxpayer. Samsung are coming for McGuinity guaranteed profits, to be paid for by your taxes.

Andrew Watts
Wainfield

■ **ANTIQUE:** Old cars draw crowds at museum

History rolls into town

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — History came to life and rolled into town last week.

Nearly 60 antique cars dropped by Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum as part of the Horseless Carriage Club of America's Niagara Vintage Tour.

The horseless carriages, defined as pioneer gas, steam or electric cars built or manufactured before 1916, stopped in the city from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. before heading off to Thorold — the next stop in a five-day tour.

"We really enjoy having these groups come to visit," said museum director/curator Stephanie Powell Baswick, expressing her excitement as the cars began to roll in.

The museum was anticipating a large crowd for the event. The public did not disappoint, with people gathering with cameras in hand to check out the unique rides.

Also on display was the museum's 1901 Nell Steam Buggy, the oldest surviving Ontario-made car, also known as Canada's Century Car.

"It's been here almost a decade," Baswick said of the vehicle, which was originally built in Hambleton.

She credited the club for "bringing heritage to life" and allowing people in different communities to experience the historic automobiles.

Interest in the horseless carriage pieces stems from the fact that they're not only "beautiful works of art," Baswick said, but also because they're still used on the roads.

It's impressive to see the vehicles running smoothly, with many of them more than a century old, she added.

While it was exciting to have the cars in the lakeside city, the event was also an opportunity for the museum to showcase its site to a new group of visitors from all over Southern Ontario and areas of the United States.

Tour chairman Gordon Tarnatic of Orillia said some members travelled from as far as California and Florida to participate in the tour.

While the cars are driven onto the tour-stop sites, they travel a majority of the distance inside trailers, he said.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR NEW OFFICIAL PLAN

The Township of Wainfleet has prepared a new Official Plan which will affect all lands within the Township. The Township Council will hold a public meeting at which any interested party may make representation respecting the proposed Official Plan as follows:

Thursday, August 5, 2010

7:00 pm

**Council Chambers, Township Offices
19M43 Highway # 3
Wainfleet, Ontario, L0S 1V0**

ABOUT THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN:

The purpose of the Official Plan is to set a long term 20-year vision for the Township, establish goals and objectives to guide future land use changes in the municipality consistent with this vision, and set out specific policies to guide future change while maintaining the desired qualities of the Township. The new Official Plan will replace the current Township Official Plan, as amended, which was originally approved in 1979.

The Official Plan is intended to provide a framework within which Township Council may make decisions regarding zoning, building, municipal service investments and the protection of key environmental features and functions. It also provides Council with a framework to consider private and public proposals for Zoning Bylaw amendments, site plan approval, building permits, plans of subdivision and land severances.

The new Official Plan was prepared with the assistance of the Township Consultant

Sorenson Gravely Lowes Planning Associates and is the product of a multi-step process. Specifically:

-In 2009 "Visioning" Workshops were conducted and background information about the Township collected and compiled into an "Issues and Opportunities Report", which is available on the Township website or at the Township Offices (as below).

-In 2010 the Consultant prepared a "Policy Directions Report", which recommends policy directions for a new Township Official Plan, which policies are intended to address the identified issues, opportunities and options. The "Policy Directions Report" was the subject of public and agency review earlier this year and is available on the Township website or at the Township Offices (as below).

-The Consultant has now prepared a "draft" new Official Plan for the Township which is currently the subject of public and agency review. The "draft" Official Plan is available on the Township website or at the Township Offices (as below).

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENT/INPUT TO THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN:

The public meeting will allow anyone an opportunity to make representation in respect to the proposed Official Plan directly to Township Council. Representation can be made orally at the meeting or in writing any time prior to the meeting (as below).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MAKING COMMENT/INPUT RESPECTING THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN:

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Wainfleet before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the "Approving Authority", in this case the Regional Municipality of Niagara, to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Wainfleet before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party. If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan, you must make a written request to Township Clerk at the address below.

HOW TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AND RELATED INFORMATION:

The proposed Official Plan, and related background documentation, is available for review on the Township website (www.township.wainfleet.on.ca) or at the Township Offices (Planning Department) during regular office hours (address below). Questions, information requests or written submissions respecting the proposed Official Plan should be directed to the Manager of Planning by e-mail (planning@township.wainfleet.on.ca) or through the Township Offices:

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Dated at the Township of Wainfleet, Tuesday, July 13, 2010

■ CLASSIC CARS

Unique cars bring heritage to life

FROM PAGE A5

While it's a joy to share their vehicles with the people they meet along the tour route, Tatarnic said the tour is really about being on vacation and having fun with friends who share a love for antique cars.

Dennis Paris of Niagara Falls was drawn to the car

show because of his love for mechanics.

"I like looking at anything that motorized, anything that makes noise," he said with a laugh while examining Tatarnic's 1913 Model T Ford.

Paris liked that the owners of the cars were on site to answer questions for curious

minds like himself.

For Welland resident Dave Ashbee, the event was a chance to share his love of cars with his four-year-old daughter Bellina, who expressed her love for the loud and unusual car horns.

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MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Karlee Young, a volunteer at the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum, stands next to a 1909 Model T Ford, the vehicle's first production year.



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Nearly 60 antique cars made a stop at Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Tuesday, as part of the Horseless Carriage Club of America's Niagara Vintage Tour. Below, Dennis Paris, of Niagara Falls, asks Gordon Tatarnic, chairman of the Horseless Carriage Club of America's Niagara Vintage Tour, about his 1913 Model T Ford.



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■ MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Barrick seeks regional seat

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — David Barrick is hoping to tackle the big issues.

The Ward 1 councillor is hoping to take his political career to the next level, running for Port Colborne's seat at Niagara regional council in the upcoming October election.

"I prefer the bigger issues," Barrick, 31, said recently after announcing his candidacy.

During his four years in Port's council chambers, he worked to spearhead a policy

to ensure the accountability and transparency of the city's operations and senior management.



David Barrick

Barrick said he has an "interest and passion" for politics and feels he'll be able to serve a greater capacity of residents from the regional level. While he's appreciative of the

support he's received from the Ward 1 residents, Barrick said he looks forward to bringing the voice of all Port Colborne residents to regional council.

"I plan on bringing Port Colborne's voice to the region, not the region's voice to Port Colborne."

If elected, he plans to make it a priority to get Port Colborne's "fair shake" of the region's more than \$800-million budget, while working toward getting more value for taxpayers dollars.

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Elliott seeks city council seat

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Dave Elliott sees potential in the Lakeside City.

The Royal LePage realtor, who not only wants to see Port Colborne grow a seat at the upcoming October election, he wants to help make it happen.

Elliott is throwing his hat into the ring, running for the position of Ward 1 city councillor in the October municipal election.

Having worked throughout the peninsula, Elliott believes Port Colborne needs to grow as a city, "building on the brand that is Port Colborne."

He said Port Colborne needs to be marketed not only as a desired location for commercial and industrial

businesses to develop, but also as a place for families to live and people to retire.

"It's a place to call home." By increasing the size of the city, Port Colborne will have a "growing chance" of being successful, the 47-year-old said.

Stores downtown want to be more successful and have more customers, which "translates to a need for increased population," he added.

"Growth is the way for our city to reach its full potential

and become a focal point of the Niagara region."

While Port Colborne's brand is a priority, Elliott said if elected his focus will lie mainly on financial accountability. He said the municipality has "positioned itself well to date," but he has concerns there will be some serious budgetary issues to address moving forward.

He said he plans to do what it takes over the next few budgets to ensure the city's financial stability.

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Anxiety

Anxiety disorders affect about 10% to 30% of the population sometime in their lifetime. With proper management most people can learn how to handle their anxiety.

There are a number of natural and pharmaceutical options people can take for their anxiety. However, sometimes the best first approach is an old fashioned remedy.

Routine exercise and fresh air can make a huge difference in a patient's outlook. Natural endorphins released during exercise, and sunlight exposure, have been shown to improve mood and help with anxiety. Talking to someone about worries and concerns can be comforting. It is not always necessary to consult a psychiatrist, so family practitioners offer counseling and there are psychologists that can help with many issues. Ask your family practitioner for a referral or contact a therapist on your own. Sometimes there are help groups available as well where people who share your problems get together to help each other.

If you would like to try a pharmaceutical product in addition to the above mentioned strategies there are a number available. Currently a number of antidepressants are being used to also help with anxiety. The most commonly used medications belong to a class called selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs). These medications help to increase serotonin levels in the brain. Commonly used medications in this class are Cefex, Cipralox, Prozac, Paxil and Zoloft.

The next most commonly used agent is Effexor XR. This medication is part of a different class called SNRIs. There are other antidepressants that can be tried if these first line agents are ineffective. Typically it takes about 2 to 4 weeks to see some symptom relief and it may take about 12 or more weeks to see a full response.

Sometimes it is recommended that a patient try an anxiolytic such as Ativan, or clonazepam, until the other medications take full effect. These agents provide rapid onset and can be used for acute anxiety symptoms. Unfortunately these medications can also cause dependence, sedation, and memory impairment. They are really best used on a short-term basis.

Often it is a matter of trial and error to find what agent works best for the individual. Patients often get frustrated with this process, unfortunately there is often no easy solution.

There are a number of natural products on the market that people can try. There is some evidence for products like St. John's Wort and Kava being effective. Other agents include 5-HTP, L-tryptophan and Passionflower. Kava is not currently available in Canada because of concerns with liver toxicity. St. John's Wort is available and does increase levels of serotonin. However, it should be treated like any other medication. You should consult your doctor before taking it and ask the pharmacist about drug interactions. As for the other products there is still a lack of evidence of safety and efficacy.

Research has shown that people take a medication and participate in some type of talking therapy do best in overcoming their anxiety. Talk over your options with your practitioner and have some patience as you work through your issues. In time most people are able to overcome their anxiety and find a way to deal with their problems.

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■ **ELECTION:** First candidate to submit name for Ward 4

Barbara Butters wants to continue her run on city council

KAESHA FORAND
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — After sitting in council chambers for 13 years, Barbara Butters still finds the job exciting.

It's the reason the Ward 4 resident is seeking re-election for the upcoming Oct. 25 election. She was first elected in 1997 and has served four consecutive terms representing the city's rural population.

"I am still excited about being involved in municipal government and representing people," she said. "I really love what I do and I would like to continue doing that for the ward because it's still exciting to me."

Butters would like to continue with a proposal she and fellow Ward 4 Coun. Kate Leigh brought forward to establish a regular drain maintenance

schedule in the city.

"I want it to stay on the rails, it's a big issue to us and to farmers."

She said properly draining fields are crucial for farmers and help ensure proper drain-



Barbara Butters

age a regular maintenance schedule would be beneficial so drains are cleaned out every few years.

Another important topic for the rural community is to ensure Sheraton Community Centre and Julia Yaeger Youth and Recreational Centre stay in the community for local groups to utilize.

She supports the Health and Wellness Centre construction and believes now is the right time to obtain

the best possible price for the project that is slated to cost around \$30 million to replace the city's aging pool and two arenas.

Butters is married to Larry, a paramedic, and they have two children together — son Donaven and daughter Skye and two granddaughters. She is on numerous boards and committees including Heritage Port Colborne, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority,

Bridges Community Health Centre, Port Cares, airport commission and the city's environmental committee.

She volunteers during Canal Days and Flavours of Niagara International Food and Wine Festival, is a member of the Collingwood Legion, the Friends Over 55 Social Centre and has a passion for the Port Colborne Feral Cat Initiative.

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■ **BARRICK**

Looking to stimulate job growth

FROM PAGE A7

Barrick said he'd like more work done to stimulate job growth by encouraging relocate and businesses to relocate to Niagara, and to help existing small- and medium-sized businesses to become more competitive.

He said he has a good understanding of the regional

political structure, and over the past four years has sat on the Niagara Region transportation strategy steering committee.

"I would like to continue to ensure Port Colborne residents have the ability to access regional transportation at a cost that is affordable," he said.

Barrick received his honours BA in political science from Brock University.

He is former president of the Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce and a recipient of the Top 40 Under 40 Business Achievement Award in Niagara.

Barrick lives in Port Colborne with his spouse, Yakira, and their two children, Kyra, 5, and Caden, 3.

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■ **ELLIOTT**

'A passion for listening to ... people'

FROM PAGE A7

Elliott said he's had an interest in politics for some time, and often attends city council meetings to keep up on local issues.

He decided he was at a point in his life where he could dedicate enough time to the position, and subsequently filed his candidate papers.

Elliott said he has "a passion for listening to what people have to say," and looks forward to meeting residents during his campaign.

"I want to bring the voices of the residents of Ward 1, of all residents to city council. Our residents are the greatest resource we have."

Elliott is active within the community, having coached

minor hockey for almost 10 years and working as a volunteer with Santa's Helpers, the local food bank and local Cubs and Scouts.

He and wife Sandy have two children — Chris, 24, and 17 — and two stepchildren — Holly, 22, and Adam, 19.

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■ NAMES: Road names changing

New addresses

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WAINFLEET — A number of township residents may find themselves with a new address.

During a recent meeting, council moved one step ahead with the project, without discussion, to rename a number of local roads. The project is part of the municipal readdressing project which also includes new, more consistent, house numbers.

Township staff reviewed the names as part of its new municipal addressing policy and identified a number of municipal and private roads that require naming or that should be renamed to comply with the policy.

The new bylaw passed its second reading and would see the roads renamed or changed with the addition of east, west, north and south to define certain streets. Private roads that have gone without names have also been given names.

Acting planner Grant Munday said historical family names and names of endangered species native to Wainfleet were used to create street names.

"Historical family names were used and obtained from the library," he said,

Need to know ...

Municipal streets whose names may change

Campbell Rd. — formerly Bar-
rick Road

Elsworth Rd. — formerly Nell
Rd. Green Rd. — formerly Farris
Rd. Ingram Rd. — formerly
Side Road 2 Lee St. — formerly
Victoria St.

Mill Race Rd. will replace
Harwell St.

Port Colborne Wainfleet Town-
line — formerly Townline Road
in Concession 4 and 2

Rattler Rd. — formerly Dilts Rd
pointing to a map that dates
back to 1804. According to
the renaming policy, it is the
planner's decision to assign
the names.

New names in honour of
local species includes Fowler
Rd. (formerly Morgan St.),
Monarch Lane (a private lane
off Morgan's Point Rd.) and
Rattler Rd. (formerly Dilts Rd.).
"The renaming of roads will
improve emergency response
and with the municipal re-
addressing project will make
it easier for GPS devices,"
Munday said.

If the bylaw receives
approval after a third reading,
residents will be notified by
mail of their possible house
number and street name
change.

■ TAXATION

HST causes facility rate increase

InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — When it
comes to facility rates, town-
ship residents will now feel the
extra burden of the harmonized
sales tax.

During a recent meeting,
council approved new facil-
ity rates, which have been
increased by 25%. Despite a plea
by delegate Heather Bunz to
once again freeze facility rates
and hockey rates, director
of operations Greg Wutsman
recommended the increase
since rates have been frozen
for the past two years.

Wutsman also noted the
township must impose the
extra 8% tax because it does
not have the funds to absorb

the extra cost.

"It's simply our job to collect
that money and pass it on,"
to the government, he said of the
HST.

Council pondered further
subsidizing ice time for the
two groups, but the rates are
already reduced about \$50 to
implement the tax, the prime
rate per hour is \$137, not prime
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■ **SHOP:** Program promotes buying local

Get It In Port launches

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE—When you shop locally, not only will you help local businesses, but you'll be helping local charities and community organizations, thanks to the Get It In Port Shopping Card Program.

Sahs, both from South Niagara Community Futures Development Corp., said the program was launched at the beginning of the month and its goal is to drive existing and new customers into Port Colborne businesses.

Evans said 74 local business came on board the

program and are offering 95 deals with over \$1,500 in savings in areas such as dining, automotive and retail.

The \$20 cards, and associated book detailing what a shopper will save, are being distributed through TD Bank, Meridian Credit Union, Port Colborne



Staff photo

Brendt Sahs, left, of South Niagara Community Futures Development Corp., Jane Gillip and Gayne Evans of South Niagara Community Futures Development Corp., present the Get It In Port program.

Visitors Centre, Port Cares, Community Living, Port Colborne-Wainfleet, Colborne Hospital Gift Shop, Showboat Festival Theatre and Salvation Army.

Sahs and Evans said each nonprofit group will receive half of the proceeds for each card package they sell.

Those who aren't nonprofit groups will be donating their half to various charities. TD Bank, for example, will donate its funds to the food bank.

Evans said the idea for the book came through a sister organization in Caledonia.

"The program worked well there and we thought it might translate here," she said. Sahs said it was fairly easy to get the business community onboard with it in Port Colborne.

"The program can keep who work downtown, shopping downtown," he said.

The cards, and program, are good until July 31, 2011.

For more information call Gayna or Brendt at 905-834-5318 or visit www.getitnport.com.

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■ **UTILITIES:** Some facing hefty charge this month

Unequal billing: Enbridge Gas customers get shock with bills

RAY SPITERI
QM Agency

Heather Winger can't believe her gas bill this month.

"\$1,103 and change," the frustrated Port Colborne resident said. "That's ridiculous. From September to June, I was paying \$130 a month."

Winger, like 800,000 other people, is on Enbridge's budget billing plan, which allows customers to spread out high winter heating costs over the course of a year. People who sign up are supposed to pay equal monthly installments, based on the history of their account.

A customer's current bill should reflect the actual gas they used but didn't pay for in the previous year.

The July adjustments are normally minimal.

Winger said when she contacted Enbridge for an explanation, the company said "Your rate was set too low." "It's equal billing, though, it's based on the last 12 months?" asked Winger. "I worked it out, I should be paying \$212 a month."

And Winger isn't the only one in this predicament.

Enbridge has sent letters to about 100,000 people with July bills three to four times higher than usual, said spokeswoman Lisa McCarney.

She said the budget billing plan amount is set in September.

"When that is set, it generally looks at the history on the account to establish what the estimated payment will be going forward — so it looks at the previous years," said McCarney.

"In terms of what happened in this situation, some of the estimates were set too low and we're investigating that to figure out exactly why. It could have happened for a number of reasons, whether it was unusual billing on the account the previous year, whether it was a change in a gas contract price, whether it was a significant change in the usage at the home."

"But what we're also finding is some customers have had fairly steady patterns and in some cases ... had it set slightly low."

Every year, Enbridge hears from customers who have a year-end adjustment a little higher than the regular installment, said McCarney. But this year, there were more than the utility anticipated.

McCarney said the overall plan was "balanced" and the company didn't anticipate large variances, Enbridge didn't do its normal mid-year review.

The utility has also put late payment penalties and pre-authorized payments on hold for this month. Customers can make extended payment arrangements if required,

said McCarney. McCarney apologized for the large bills many budget

billing plan clients received this month. Enbridge is extending its

call centre hours next week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The number is 1-877-362-7434.

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■ **CAMP:** Local nature camp offers fun and learning at the same time

Laura offers a wild time for day campers



George Duma
BY GEORGE

Things get pretty wild down on the north-west corner of Lakeshore and Cement Plant Rds. And Laura Beards wouldn't have it any other way.

Laura's Camp Wild, a day camp on her day, Phil's 21-acre property, is essentially a science and nature camp, where 10 to 11 youngsters between the ages of six and 12 spend the day

communing with Mother Nature in a fun environment. They go for one-week stints with each week featuring a different theme. For example, one week may be Pond Week, where

they thoroughly explore the huge pond on Phil's spread. Another week it's Bug Week, or Plant Week or Rocks Week. It certainly adds to the experience to have a conservation area behind the property.

"And they learn things," the 35-year-old Laura tells me during my recent visit to the camp. "One of the parents told me they were out for a family walk and said, 'Oh look, there's a dragonfly.' And their child was like, 'No, it's a damselfly. You can tell because of the wings.'"

Laura studied Chemical and Environmental Engineering at Mohawk College in Hamilton before furthering her education with a Bachelor of Science

degree in Biology at Brock University.

After a stint working for Toyota, she moved back to town about five years ago from Kitchener and launched Camp Wild.

"I needed a summer job," she says with a grin when I ask her what inspired her to get into this line of work.

Laura continued her education, getting her teacher's degree at Brock. During the fall, winter and spring months, she is a supply teacher with the District School Board of Niagara.

The 11 youngsters at the camp last Friday were clearly having the time of their lives.

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■ DUMA

Huge smiles blend in with the natural beauty and wildlife

FROM PAGE 14

Whether eager to tell me about the plethora of activities Laura initiates so there is never a dull moment, or keen to show me some of the natural beauty and wildlife that co-exists with these young campers, there was one constant on all their faces - huge smiles.

"Look at this," young Nicholas Morrison says,

as he gently cradles a baby bullfrog to show me one of the creatures that lives in the pond.

After allowing me to snap a photo of him with his catch, he takes it back and gently releases it into the water.

There are crayfish as well and tales of painted turtles and snapping turtles.

In the centre of all this is the easygoing, calming cool of Laura. The youngsters

clearly admire, respect and have a genuine affection for her.

And it's easy to see why. She is just so good with them. Korynne Cousineau tells me her favourite activity is an old childhood game Laura grew up playing and made part of the camp fun.

"My favourite thing is at the end of the day, we play 'kick the can'."

It's a wide-ranging game

that involves kicking a can, hiding places and getting out of jail and it spreads across most of the property.

Not too difficult to figure out why youngsters would love it, is it?

For Korynne's sister, Kendra, the most favourite thing is "catching frogs." Because even when it isn't Pond Week, I get the impression frog-catching is a pretty popular venture

during any given week. Got a couple of minutes before the next activity? Run down to the pond and catch yourself a frog.

Natalie Palma loves making board games at the camp. And her favourite one so far?

"Nine Campers Camping, because we're campers." Apart from simply turning his property over to Laura and the campers, dad Phil is

often an active participant.

"He's been amazing," Laura says. "He helps out at times, especially when the kids are swimming in the pool. He's there with me."

It's an amazing place, Camp Wild is. I drive by almost every day to take Conestoga Plant Rd. to Highway 3 and I had no idea it existed until one of the parents alerted me to it.

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■ DUMA

Science and nature camp is great alternative for bored kids



GEORGE DUMA Staff Photo

The pond on Phil Bearss's 21-acre property at the corner of Lakeshore and Cement Plant Rds. is both beautiful and educational

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If you have a child between the ages of six and 12, you may well want to take a good, long look at sending them there for a week or more.

The camp continues through August but space is limited.

For more information, check out the website at: www.campwild.ca

Happy camping.

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GEORGE DUMA Staff Photo

Nicholas Morrison gently cradles a baby bullfrog he caught in the pond at Camp Wild.



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How's this for a group of happy campers.

In the front, from left, are resident mascot Clare, Zoey Kostal-Nicholson, Korynne Cousineau and Kendra Cousineau. In the back, from left, are Natalie Palma, Braydon Morrison, Aidan Hawkins, Kelsey Nicholson, Jessica Hardy, Jake Bruno, Connor Krahn and Nicholas Morrison. In the far back is camp director Laura Bearss.

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■ CANAL WALL: Part of Welland Canal stone wall crumbled last week

Wall will be OK for Canal Days

JOHN VESSOYAN
Tribune Staff

PORT COLBORNE — The sun is shining on Port Colborne and the stone wall along the Welland Canal that was crumbling last week.

A portion of the wall on West St., in the city was falling last Wednesday, but construction crews and engineers were quick to arrive on the location and started to fix

the problem.

As of Monday afternoon, things were looking bright regarding the repair work being conducted. As soon as the wall started the crumble, there was a sense of fear and concern among local citizens and politicians that the annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival would be negatively affected because of the stone wall issue, but those concerns are being

alleviated.

Mayor Vance Badawey gave an update Monday afternoon and his message contained positive news for festival patrons.

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DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Work on the collapsed section of the Welland Canal wall, which began this week, is expected to be done for the opening of Canal Days today.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

A section of the Welland Canal wall along West St., at the end of Clarence St. in Port Colborne, gave way last week. St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corp. said the collapse would not affect shipping as it was well away from the main channel. The Seaway was bringing in a civil engineer to assess the situation and the City of Port Colborne had part of the street blocked off.

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■ **ENVIRONMENT:** Experts can't predict impact of higher temperatures

Warmer waters mean good and bad news

RAY SPITERI
QMI Agency

NIAGARA FALLS — Expert predictions that the Great Lakes could hit record high temperatures this summer is good and bad news, says one local outdoorsman.

"Swimmers are enjoying it," said Al Oleksuk, a nature columnist with The Niagara Falls Review who lives near the Welland River in Chippawa.

"I notice a difference here. [The water is] 24°C. It usually doesn't hit that until mid-August. I have a feeling we're headed towards 26°C, which is extremely warm."

Lake Superior — the world's largest lake — is having a record year as far as temperatures go, thanks largely to low ice cover last winter.

If that continues, Superior and the rest of the Great Lakes will be setting records for warm temperatures, according to Jay Austin, associate professor of physics at the University of Minnesota Duluth's Large Lakes Observatory.

Austin, who studies Lake Superior's temperatures, said the lake is 5 to 7°C warmer than it usually is in mid-July, while the Great Lakes in

“Lots of fish have various temperature ranges they're comfortable in. Some fish, they benefit from warm water. Others hate it.”

Jay Austin, University of Minnesota

general are running 2 to 7°C warmer.

"It's going to set records, or come close, depending on where you are," he said.

While not a climate expert, Austin said the mild winter and 2009 having been a strong El Niño year could be behind the increase in water temperatures.

He said lakes have distinct seasons that are dictated by an indicator known as stratification, meaning a layer of warm water forming over a layer of cool water.

And with the mild winter, there was low ice cover, so the exposed water absorbed more heat, which in turn melted the ice quicker, creating a cycle of warming.

"The start of stratification happened a month early this year, which is very rare," said Austin.

Austin and Oleksuk said there are positives and negatives to record lake temperatures.

Swimmers and beachgoers mostly enjoy the warm water, but certain fish species

do not. Also, bacteria growth rates are strongly linked to temperatures, meaning the warmer the water is, the faster bacteria can reproduce.

"Lots of fish have various temperature ranges they're comfortable in," said Austin.

"Some fish, they benefit from warm water. Others hate it."

Oleksuk said while the food source for fish is good, the increases in algae growth can drive away or kill aquatic life.

Both say it's difficult to say what the record lake temperatures will mean in the long run.

"We can sit and hypothesize, but there are no real trends to go by. We have to get out there and see what we can learn," said Austin.

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Al Oleksuk

■ **COLLAPSED WALL**

Canal wall rebuild was expedited

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an e-mail to The Tribune. He praised the crews for their work.

"A great deal of credit needs to be given to the St. Lawrence Seaway and Rankin Construction. They expedited the project knowing that our

community's signature event is around the corner," he wrote.

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■ WARM WATER

Hot weather could mean more beach closures

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"I don't know what's going to happen," said Oleksuk.

"There are pluses, but in general it's never a good thing when you start seeing unusual changes like that."

Meanwhile, 11 of 34 public beaches sampled for high bacteria levels across Niagara were posted unsafe for swimming Thursday afternoon, according to public health's website.

Niagara Region tests beaches along Lake Erie, Lake Ontario and the Niagara River every week during June, July and August. Some of the more popular ones are tested more frequently.

When water samples show unacceptable levels of E. coli bacteria, a beach is posted with a sign to indicate it's unsafe.

A beach might also be posted unsafe for swimming because of floating debris, oil, excessive weed growth and bad odours.

It's common to find high bacteria counts at beaches after days of heavy rain and high winds.

Bjorn Christensen, public health's director of environmental health, said it's too early to compare this summer's beach activity to past years.

"We really do our data comparison to the previous year at the end of each summer," he said.



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Proposed Downtown Central Business District
Community Improvement Plan

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to present the "Draft City of Port Colborne Downtown Central Business District Community Improvement Plan and Urban Design Guidelines" to Council and to hear any comments from the public.

The purpose of a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) is to coordinate public works and capital expenditures with private land and building improvements in a comprehensive and complimentary manner that will improve the appearance and encourage new economic investment in the area. A CIP also enables the City to provide financial incentives to private landowners for improvements to lands, buildings, signs, landscaping and other works.

The CIP for the Downtown Central Business District contains provisions for improvements to the streets, sidewalks, street landscaping and public spaces. It also provides opportunities for property owners to acquire financial assistance from the City and the Region of Niagara for improvements to private property. The CIP establishes limits for funding works on private properties and criteria for determining eligible properties and projects.



PUBLIC MEETING

Date: August 23, 2010
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: City Hall Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on this proposed CIP is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by providing written comments to the City. Please note that unless you provide input via one of these means, you may not be able to appeal the decision of Council at a later date.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing or to request personal notification of a decision of Council, please send correspondence to City Clerk, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne Ontario, L3K 3C8.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Lindsay Richardson, Community/Policy Planner at 905-835-2901 ext 129 or via email at lindsayrichardson@portcolborne.ca. A copy of the "Draft Downtown Central Business District Community Improvement Plan" will be available in the Planning and Development Department, 2nd floor, City Hall on August 4, 2010 until August 23, 2010 for review or it can be found on the City's website at www.portcolborne.ca.

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Dated at the City of Port Colborne this 30th day of July, 2010

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IT HAPPENS!

■ NIAGARA REGION: Arbitration decision gives cops a raise

Police raise their ears

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Niagara Regional Police officers will get pay hikes totalling close to 10% over three years, under an award handed out by an arbitrator Monday.

The three-year contract retroactive to January 2009 — will increase the base pay for a first-class constable to \$83,246 by July 2011 from \$75,706 at the end of 2008, where the previous contract expired.

The Niagara Region Police Association said the contract brings it closer to other comparable police services, such as Hamilton, Halton and Durham, while balancing the ability of local taxpayers to foot the bill.

"We have always been about getting a fair and reasonable solution," association

"It is what it is. This is the decision of the arbitrator. We'll accept that and will now move forward for the next three years."

Doug Martin, NRP services board chairman and mayor of Fort Erie



Doug Martin

president Paul Di Simoni said Monday.

"I think the award achieves what I think it achieves it and takes into consideration the local economic factors."

But at least one Niagara Regional Councilor slammed the arbitration process, arguing that it ignores a public-sector wage freeze that has been championed by the provincial Liberal government.

"It's frustrating beyond belief," St. Catharines

Regional Coun. Bruce Timms said.

"For this government to allow their constituents to run rampant with settlements is irresponsible both on their part and the arbitrators."

Contract talks between the Niagara Regional Police Services Board and the police association were declared at an impasse in May.

The two sides met an arbitrator, former Ontario judge George Adams, for sessions June 4, 29 and 30.

The award gives association members a cumulative hike of 9.96%, phased in over six increments.

In March, Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan froze the salaries of about 350,000 non-unionized public servants in a bid to trim the budget during tough economic times.

The government is setting up meetings with major public service unions as it attempts to hold salaries in check for their members.

Timms said Niagara politicians and members of the police services board aired concerns about escalating police arbitration awards during recent talks with decision-makers at Queen's Park.

"The provincial government issues guidelines for all municipal employees, but it's not giving the same guide-

lines to provincial arbitrators," he said.

The police board has no choice but to live with the binding arbitration award, chairman Doug Martin said.

"It is what it is. This is the decision of the arbitrator. We'll accept that and will now move forward for the next three years."

Di Simoni acknowledged the protracted contract negotiations were difficult on both sides and police board brass.

"Arbitrations are always difficult on relationships. This one certainly isn't any



Paul Di Simoni

How the deal unfolds

Arbitrated salary increases for members of Niagara Regional Police Association with base pay rates for first-class constables in brackets:

- Jan. 1, 2009 — 2% (\$77,220) (\$78,147)
- Jan. 1, 2010 — 2% (\$79,709) (\$81,125) — 1.25% (\$80,605)
- Jan. 1, 2011 — 2% (\$82,218) (\$83,246)

The previous NRP contract gave first-class constables a 3.25% increase in 2006, followed by 3% increases in 2007 and 2008.

The Niagara Regional Police Association represents 680 uniformed officers and 304 civilian employees.

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